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To: Federal communications Commission

Comment on RM-10521

After careful consideration of RM-10521 and the reasons presented by Dr. Trahos, I respectfully request that the commissioners reject this petition based on the following:

The frequencies proposed, only a very small part of the Amateur Radio Service allocation in the 70 CM band, are in a part of the spectrum wherein licenses are required for operation even at very low power levels. This section of spectrum is additionally part of our military's allocation, and the US Military has primary control of its use. The amateur service operates in this part of the radio frequency spectrum strictly on a secondary basis.

Unlicensed operation of transmitting equipment in other areas of the world is not encouraged or permitted and is in fact discouraged. Many comments have been made about our FRS grant and the low cost of the equipment. I will not echo those comments except to agree that travelers can purchase those devices and use them legally within our borders.

As far as good will, FRS in and of itself makes no such claims. It is a touted as a convenience for families and friends—nothing more nor less.

Amateur radio, on the other hand, has been a good will ambassador for many years and has a tradition for good will, well established for more than eighty years. Additionally, Amateur Radio will continue to be given full support by our government.

Kentucky is quickly running out of spectrum in this band (and has run out in large metropolitan areas). We cannot stand to have unlicensed ½ watt radios added to the mix.

Our club has been in existence since the 70s. We are one of the largest and most active Amateur Radio clubs in the Eastern Kentucky. Our membership spans several counties, with a very strong following.

Sincerely,

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